

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2011-353-C - ORDER NO. 2011-675

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a	)	ORDER GRANTING
AT&T South Carolina's Petition for	)	EXPEDITED REVIEW
Approval of Change to the Boundary	)	AND APPROVING
Between AT&T South Carolina's Charleston	)	BOUNDARY CHANGE
Exchange and Frontier Communications'	)	
Hollywood Exchange	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T") to change the boundary between AT&T's Charleston Exchange and Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc.'s ("Frontier") Hollywood Exchange. Frontier has no objection to this change if it is relieved of any obligations that it might otherwise have with regard to the exchanged territory. Because of the reasoning stated below, we grant expedited review of this matter as requested, approve the boundary change, and hold that Frontier shall be relieved of any obligations in the exchanged territory.

According to its Petition in this matter, AT&T recently discovered that a small parcel of land (referred to herein as the "Dixie Plantation") that AT&T has been serving continuously since at least 1972 is not in AT&T South Carolina's Charleston Exchange, but instead, is just across the boundary in Frontier's Hollywood Exchange. The College of Charleston, which is the sole customer on the Dixie Plantation, wishes to continue

receiving service from AT&T and, without objection from Frontier or the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), AT&T wishes to continue providing service to the Dixie Plantation.

Accordingly, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-612.2.3 (Supp. 2010), AT&T filed a Petition with this Commission for approval of a slight change to the exchange boundary between AT&T’s Charleston Exchange and Frontier’s Hollywood Exchange.

The Petition notes that the College of Charleston currently receives service from AT&T on the Dixie Plantation, and the College has recently requested additional services from AT&T on the Dixie Plantation. In order to facilitate AT&T’s ability to provide the services that the College has requested, and given that neither Frontier nor the ORS object to the Petition, AT&T requests that the Commission grant the Petition on an expedited basis. Accordingly, we will proceed with an expedited review of the matter.

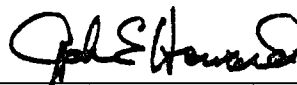
The boundary in question is as it appears now is shown on Exhibit 1 to this Order. Exhibit 2 to this Order illustrates the new requested boundary. The College of Charleston has confirmed that it wants to continue receiving service from AT&T, and therefore supports the Petition. Frontier has confirmed that it has no objection to this Petition as long as it is clear that Frontier will be relieved of any obligations it might otherwise have with regard to Dixie Plantation, since Dixie Plantation would no longer be in Frontier’s territory if the Petition is granted. ORS has confirmed that it has no objection to the Petition.

We have examined this matter and we grant the Petition for Boundary Change as requested and as illustrated in Exhibits 1 and 2 to this Order. Clearly, it makes sense for AT&T to be allowed to continue to serve a customer that it or its predecessor has served for almost forty years. Further, no one objects to the Petition. We also hold that, since the territory in question will no longer be in Frontier's service territory after the boundary change, Frontier is hereby relieved of any and all obligations that it might otherwise have with regard to the Dixie Plantation.

Accordingly, the Petition for Boundary Change is granted as filed, and with Frontier being relieved of any and all obligations that it might otherwise have with regard to the Dixie Plantation.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

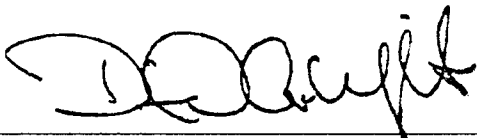
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



---

John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



---

David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

(SEAL)

